

On Country, Online

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Paradigm Shifts



Two key developments in the 1990s:

- Mabo decision: Legal recognition of Indigenous rights
- World Wide Web

Lead to:

- Empowerment of Indigenous people
- New pathways to relationships



Impact on Decision-making

Then...

HOW ABOUT A COMPROMISE? WE KEEP THE LAND, THE MINERAL RIGHTS, NATURAL RESOURCES, FISHING, AND TIMBER, AND WE'LL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF IT.



Now...



Source: Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation

IT and Accessing Information



Source: The Stringer

Indigenous Australians are taking advantage of emerging technologies

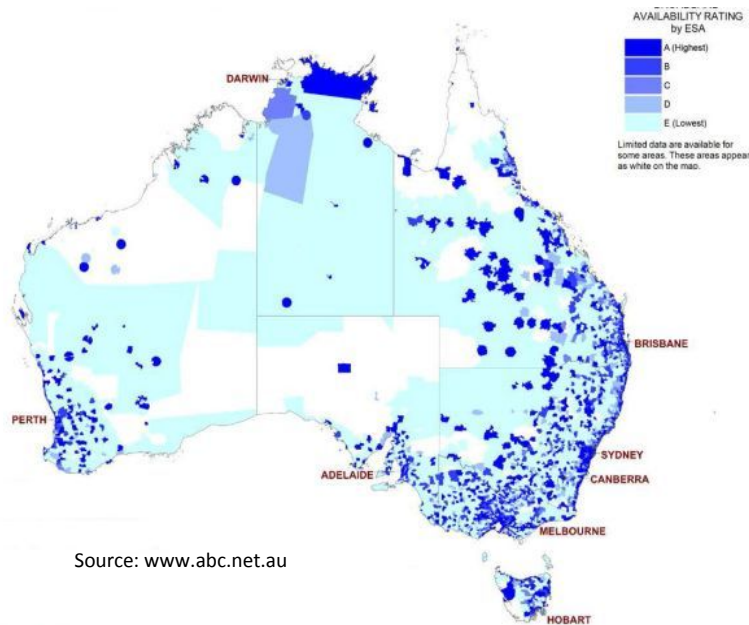
However, wider uptake is limited by a number of factors



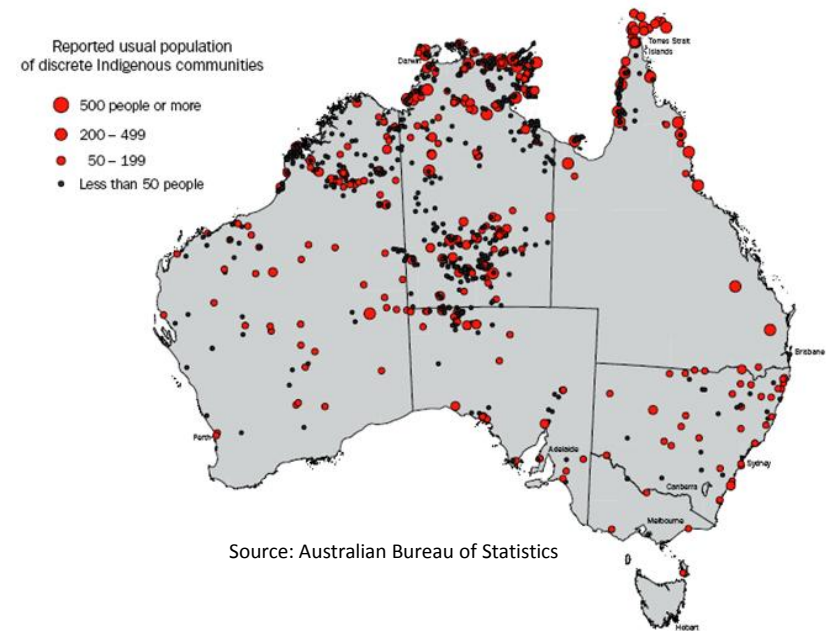
Source: Project for Free Electronic Dictionaries

Factors Impacting Indigenous Access to IT

Fixed Broadband Coverage

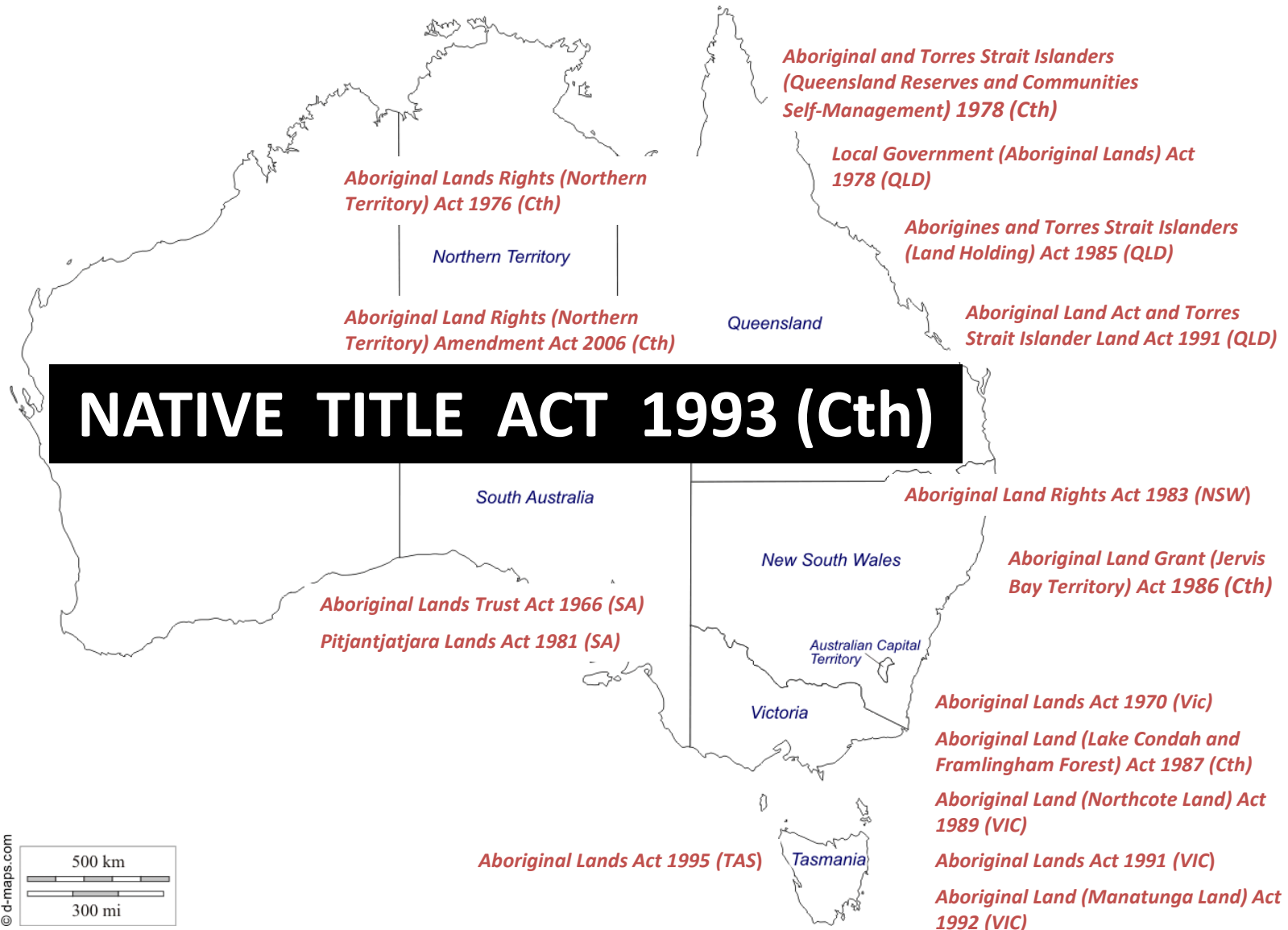


Indigenous Communities

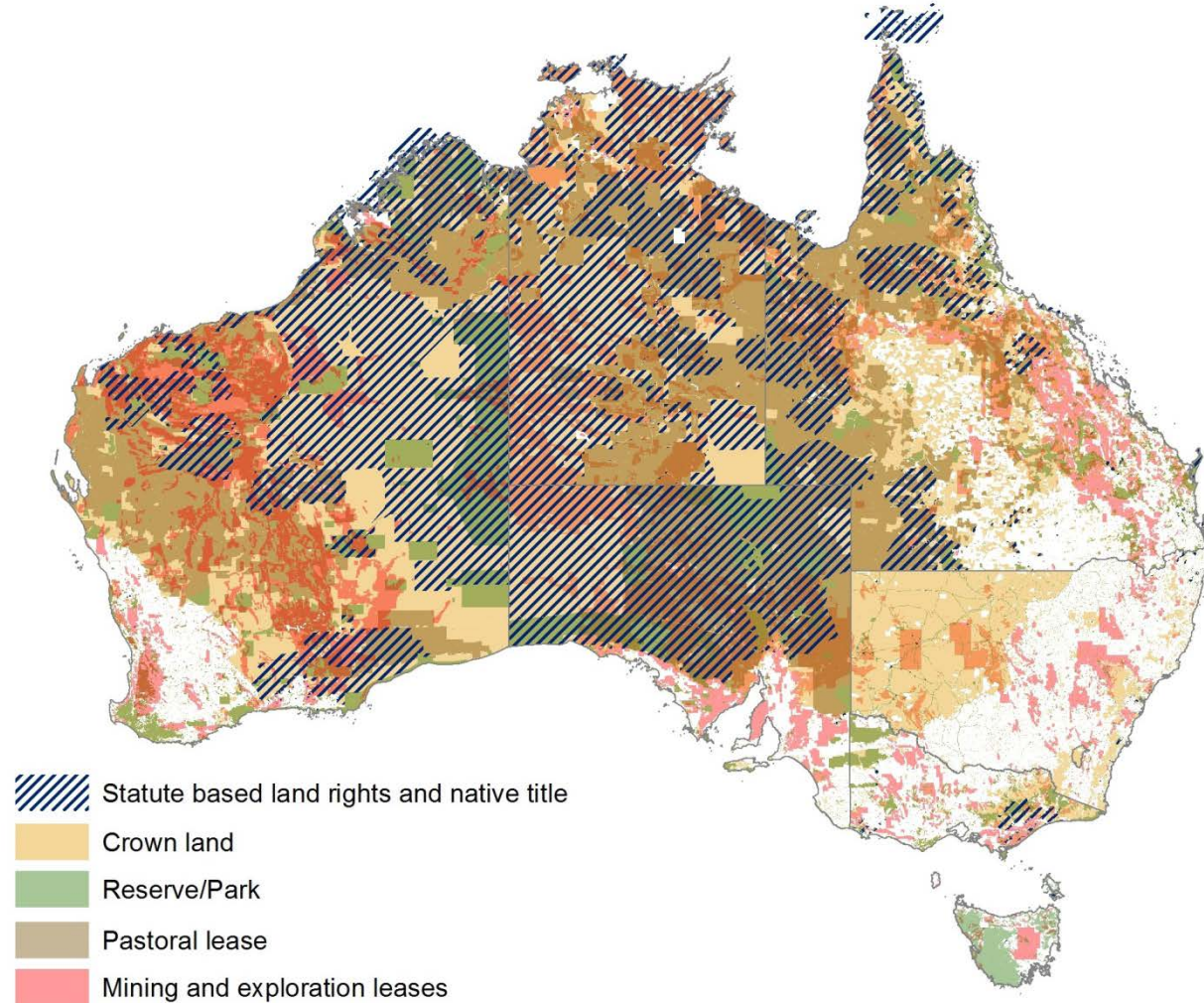


- Indigenous Australians are 69% less likely to have access to an internet connection than non-Indigenous Australians.

Federal System and State Powers over Land



Statute Based Land Rights and Native Title



Free, Prior and Informed Consent

FREE

from force intimidation coercion, or pressure by anyone (government, company or any organisation.)

Prior

consent must be sought before the project begins. Communities must be given enough time to understand and make an informed decision.

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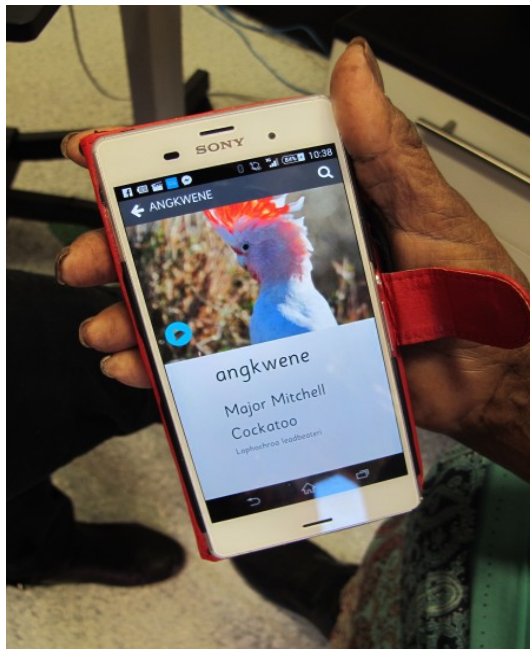
means affected communities must be given the relevant information to make a decision on whether to agree or disagree to the project.

CONSENT

whereby affected communities have the right to say 'yes' or 'no' to the project. This should be according to the decision-making process of their choice.

Indigenous Initiatives

Management of Indigenous lands through:



Source: University of Melbourne

- Interactive digital maps
- Preserving language knowledge via Apps
- GPS site location and recording

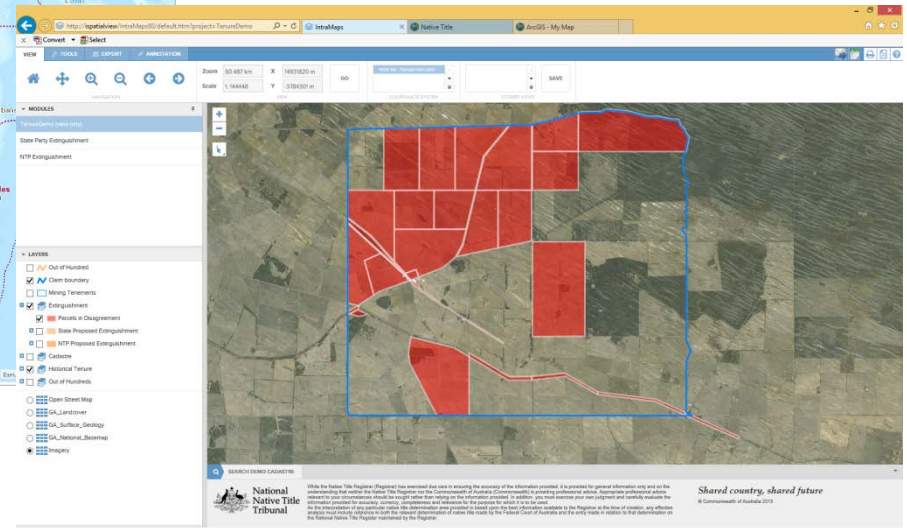
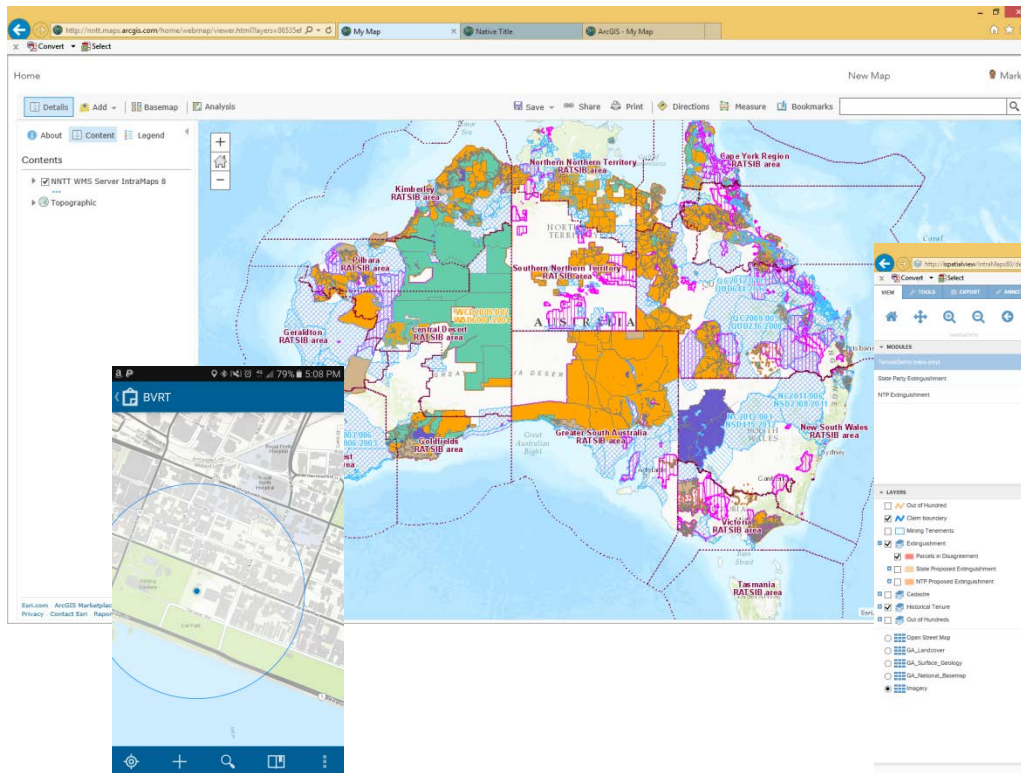
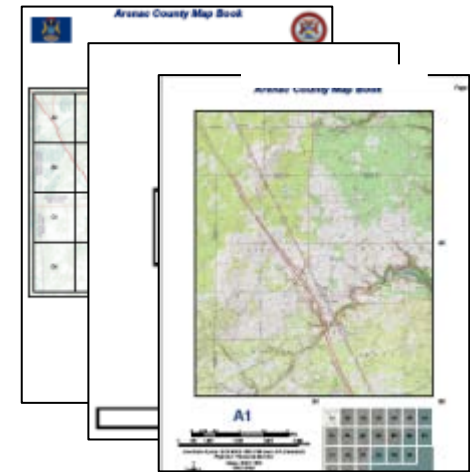
- Films about history, culture and country



Source: James Pilkington

Collaboration

- Indigenous Estate Atlas
- Cloud based mapping portals
- Tenure Portals



Moment in Time

